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Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Preliminarly, kindly amend the application as follows.

In the claims:

Cancel claims 2-18 without prejudice.

Add new claims 19 and 20 as follows:

A method of promoting bone, periodontium, or --19. ligament growth of a living mammal/comprising the steps of producing a surgical/flap of skin to expose damaged bone, periodontium, or ligament,

applying platelet derived growth factor in a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier to said exposed bone, periodontium, or ligament,

replacing said/flap, and allowing said damaged bone, periodontium, or ligament to regrow.